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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below not only name; I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the

COLLAPSIBLE LADDER the specification of which is attached and/or was filed on October 19, 2004 as United States Application Serial No. 10/511,843 and was filed on April 17, 2003 as PCT International Application No. PCT/AU03/00469 and was amended on September 26, 2003. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, a amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentabilit as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed: Country **Application Number** Date of Filing Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119 Australia 2002-100309 April 19, 2002 YES NO YES NO I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: **Application Number** Date of Filing I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT International filin date of this application: **Application Number** Date of Filing Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Declaration of Clinton Weichers

- My name is Clinton Weichers. I reside in Monterey, California and currently serve as a captain for SkyWest. I am domiciled in Monterey for SkyWest purposes.
- I have been and remain an open and active member of 2. the SkyWest Pilots ALPA Organizing Committee [the "OC"], which was formed to encourage the pilots of SkyWest to elect ALPA as their collective bargaining representative. The pilots of SkyWest are not represented by a labor union for collective bargaining purposes.
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